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SANDERS' FIASCO.

According to the programme laid down in yesterday's INDEPENDENT the eight republican senators proceeded to make themselves ridiculous by following Col. Warhorse Sanders' reckless advice and sent a so-called sergeant-at-arms out to compel the democratic senators-elect to go up to the court house and assist the republicans in electing two United States Senators. The employee of the unorganized eight discharged the task imposed upon him with great amiability and discretion. The gentlemen he went after pleasantly declined to respond to his request and he returned to the gentlemen who sent him empty handed.

Just what the Warhorse and his eight clients think they accomplished by this proceeding it would be difficult to imagine. Probably the Warhorse saw the necessity of doing something new to keep up the drooping spirits of his followers and a bluff was as good as anything. Possibly the senatorial minds which have fallen into a state of innocuous desuetude were thus afforded a brief change from the contemplation of nothing.

That was all that came of it. They marched down the hill last night. To-day they'll march up again and a new scheme of the old Warhorse's will tickle them for a day, to be in turn abandoned like the rest.

When will the Warhorse leave them alone? Not until they tell him to do so. Won't the Warhorse take a hint? Never—nothing but a senatorship.

HARRISON AND THE FARMERS.
 In commenting on the president's plea in his message that the protective principle should be applied to the "products of our farms as well as our shops," we suggested it would be interesting to know how the president would go to work to accomplish such an end. We have read our republican exchanges in vain for some clue to this mysterious suggestion, but not one, so far as we have discovered, knows what Dr. Harrison's panacea is.

A correspondent writes to the National Democrat:

"Times are hard and money scarce here in Wisconsin. Crops were good—never better—but the farmers cannot get anything for them. Wheat, 60 cents per bushel; corn, 20 cents per bushel; potatoes, 10 cents per bushel; beef, live, 1 to 1½ cents per pound; pork, live, 2 and 3 cents per pound; other things in proportion. In Iowa corn now brings 16 cents a bushel. Corn was never less than 20 cents a bushel under Cleveland. Potatoes 10 cents a bushel!"

How is Mr. Harrison going to protect the products of these farmers? The price of beef cattle, wheat, corn and nearly all other leading products of the farm, are fixed in the Liverpool market where they come in competition with the products of South America, Russia and India where the laborer gets wages of a few cents a day.

The American farmer raises more than the home market consumes. What is he going to do with the surplus? Who is going to protect him? And how? Will Mr. Harrison enlighten a waiting world?

C. E. BELKNAP, a republican candidate for congress in Michigan, sued the Grand Rapids Democrat for reflecting on his ability to grapple with the tariff question because he was not "built that way."

Counsel for the defendant demurred and asked that the case be dismissed because no attack had been made upon the complainant's character in business that when he became a candidate for office his intelligence was a matter which a public journal was licensed to discuss. The court, in sustaining the demurrer, said:

"The constitution has fixed no grade of mind which is necessary to qualify a person for a seat in congress. * * * There is no moral delinquency, but in effect, the imputation is that the plaintiff, a candidate for member of congress, is ignorant, uneducated, and mentally unqualified to represent the people of this district in that body. * * * In view of these publications I think it cannot be held that they were libelous. The demurrer should be sustained."

All of which, in plain English, means that fools may go to congress, a thing that has been established by innumerable precedents for a hundred years.

SANDERS has less than one-fifth of the votes of the republicans members of the legislature pledged to him. He would cut no figure should Hershfield refuse to furnish the sinews of war. Whenever our business men want to end the deadlock they should sit down hard on Hershfield and that will be end of it.

We have received through Mr. R. H. Kemp, of Spokane Falls, an interesting relic of the great fire in that city. It is a copy of the HELENA INDEPENDENT of April 22, 1888, in perfect condition. In an accompanying note Mr. Kemp says: "At the instance of Messrs. Goetz & Bner of the Frankfurt block, in this city, I hand you

this copy of your paper as a relic of the great fire that swept Spokane Falls on Aug. 4 last. This was the only Helena paper deposited in the corner stone of the Frankfurt when it was laid April 26, 1888. It passed through the hottest of the fiery ordeal of Aug. 4 and was removed from the corner box Nov. 30, 1889."

The paper will be filed among THE INDEPENDENT'S archives as a historic memento of the fire.

The force put upon the road by the Sanders-Hershfield company has been a failure from the start. The company is going to pieces and unless the rump promptly attach Hershfield's pocket book for their salaries they will have to walk home on the ties. Ring down the drop.

SEATTLE is rejoicing in the fact that the Northern Pacific railroad has put that enterprising metropolis on equal terms with Tacoma and Portland in readjusting freight rates. The race between the two Washington cities will now be neck and neck.

The deadlock will end whenever the republican representatives-elect, who began it by refusing to comply with the governor's proclamation, come to their senses and realize that the auditor is not a bigger man than the governor.

The republican senators having by resolution formally recognized Mr. McNamara as a senator-elect, Hershfield and Power can now buy Uncle Watson a return ticket and let him go home.

A DEADLOCK isn't such a drag after all. The legislature of Washington has been in session more than thirty days and hasn't enacted a single law yet.

It must seem odd to some of those state senators who have been fighting Sanders all their lives to be placed in his keeping now.

THE Montana democrats are making a glorious record in their battle for the right. The whole country applauds them.

THE Sanders Hookoo seems to be too much for the republican eight. Better try Thompson Campbell.

THE ANACONDA STANDARD inquires: How does it happen that in all the pages of President Harrison's message, no reference is made to the question of irrigation in western states? The proposed world's fair gets a little paragraph in the president's pamphlet, but there is nothing concerning the arid lands representing about one-third of the area of the United States, a region which if irrigated would come pretty near feeding the whole world. Evidently the president forgot all about the subject, and is not aware that it has been the theme of careful inquiry by a congressional committee. The people are as ignorant of President Harrison's notions about irrigation as they are in the dark as to his thoughts on the Mormon question.

CROSS-CUTS.

Temperance Worker—Will you help us put down whisky?

Bummer—Yes; where'll we go?—Texas Sittings.

It's all right to "call a spade a spade," but when you speak of a red headed girl you had better say "auburn."—American Commercial Traveler.

"I understand you have been down to St. Louis?" "Yes; spent three days there." Did you see any of the big bugs of the place?" "No, I went to a brand new hotel."—Judge.

MOTTO FOR A MERCHANT.
 Honor and shame from no condition rise, Lay in a stock of goods and advertise, And in the business lottery take the prize.

—Providence Journal.

Pater: On your prospects will depend my acceptance of you as a son-in-law.

Would-be Son-in-law: H'm! Well, my prospects depend entirely on your acceptance of me as your son-in-law.—Life.

"Will you think of me often, my darling?" she said.

"But the duds struck her dumb with a shake of his head."

"I'd really be glad to," he drawled, with a wink.

"But most of the time I'm too tired to think."

—Munsey's Weekly.

TERRE HAUTE EXPRESS: Tommy—Paw, what is the difference between a politician and a statesman? Mr. Pug—A hoop. While a man's alive and in other people's way he's a politician. After he has been dead for thirty or forty years he becomes a statesman.

Baby McKee: Grandpa, I heard some one say that you were elected upon the reputation of your grandfather.

Grandpa Harrison: Um—ah—well, what then?

Baby McKee: Oh, nothing; but I was just thinking that if I had to follow the same rule I had a mighty poor show.—Life.

A small boys' class in natural history:

Professor—Animals that have no feet and crawl along the ground are called reptiles. Who can give me an example of a reptile?

Young Brown—A worm.

Professor—Excellent. Now, will some boy think of a second reptile?

Young Jones—Another worm.

"According to my father's rules, Mr. Chapkins, we always adjourn here at 12. It is now one minute of."

"Ah, indeed! Well, in accordance with legislative custom, Miss Barrows, there being some unfinished business before the house, I will turn back the clock."

Engagement announced next day.—Elmira Echoes.

A cook who had burned up a piece of veal weighing four pounds threw it away and afterward explained to her mistress that the cat had eaten the meat.

"Very well," said the lady, "we will see that directly."

So saying, she took the cat, put it on the scales, and found that it weighed exactly four pounds.

"There, Frederick," she said, "are four pounds of meat—but where is the cat?"—Kölnner Tagblatt.

BALL'S CABINETS at \$3 Per Dozen.

Cabinet photos \$3 per dozen at Ball's gallery, Helena avenue, corner Warren, on car line.

A MONUMENT FOR MRS. HAYES.

How It Is Proposed by the Ladies to Accomplish This Purpose.

Mrs. Marie L. Mason has received the following letter:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29, 1889.—The Woman's National Press association September 6, 1889, carried the following motion: "Resolved, That we inaugurate a plan to erect a statue of Lucy Webb Hayes in this city."

To further this movement they called a public meeting of the women's organizations of this city. Discussion has evolved and elaborated the plan into a temple with a large hall for conventions, smaller rooms for committees, clubs, etc., niches of statuary, or a marble room and art gallery, where busts and portraits of prominent women could be placed with a fountain statue of Mrs. Hayes in the building.

The following committee has been elected to correspond with the prominent women of the country concerning a national organization: Miss Carrie Harrison, Miss Clara Barton, Mrs. Bishop, J. T. Hurst, Mrs. E. M. I. Marble, Mrs. D. S. McKnight, Mrs. Annie E. Rovee, Mrs. Sarah D. La Fette, Mrs. Albert S. Odell, Mrs. Senator H. H. Teller, Mrs. Dr. L. S. Hamlin, Mrs. F. A. V. Anderson, Dr. Clara Bliss Hinds, representing the Red Cross, home and foreign missionary societies, W. C. T. U., Woman's relief corps, Woman's National Press association and Woman's National Suffrage association.

We propose having five thousand charter members, which will elect the national officers. Upon the co-operation of the women of the country depends the success of this attempt to organize the first woman's monument association of America.

Respectfully,

CARRIE HARRISON, Chairman, Washington, D. C.

It is hoped that the ladies of this city will join in carrying this work to a successful issue.

Forum Announcements.

The contents of the Forum are, like the contents of a newspaper, so confined to subjects which demand present attention that announcements of them cannot be made far in advance. During the year 1890 there will be discussions of all important subjects brought forward by political, social, religious, and scientific events; for, since the Forum was founded, there has been no problem of great public concern that has not been discussed in its pages by the masters of the subject on either side. Early in the year the following essays will be published:

Cardinal Manning, Laborers' Grievances; Gen. Francis A. Walker, The Coming World's Fair; John G. Carlisle, How the Tariff Affects the Farmer; W. H. Mallock, The Relation of Art to Truth; President C. K. Adams, The Moral Perils of College Life; Prof. St. George Mivart, The Omnipotence of Agnosticism; Gen. Henry L. Abbott, The Effect of New Inventions upon Warfare; Andrew D. White, The Disadvantages under which Science is Taught; Lieut. Bradley A. Fiske, Naval Warfare under New Conditions; Francis Power Cobbe, Secular Changes in Human Character; Prof. R. H. Wessman, Charles O'Brien, G. R. Tschubek, J. B. Mason, Morris H. Sloanman, all of Omaha. The capital is \$25,000,000 in 50,000 shares of \$500 each.

New Incorporations.

The Durango Mining Company was incorporated yesterday by Thomas A. McLain, Richard Bradshaw, Henry Boothman and N. B. Donley. The capital is \$1,000,000 in 200,000 shares of \$5 each. The business of the company will be carried on at Missoula.

E. J. Carter, George W. Irvin II, and Charles S. Warren, of Butte, have incorporated the Silver Bow Electric Light Company. The capital is \$100,000 in 2,000 shares of \$50 each.

Articles of incorporation of the United States Loan and Investment Company (limited) were filed yesterday in the secretary's office. The incorporators are Max Meyer, G. E. Barker, Frank R. Johnson, J. H. Taylor, J. S. Salisbury, John L. Webster, F. V. Wessman, Charles O'Brien, G. R. Tschubek, J. B. Mason, Morris H. Sloanman, all of Omaha. The capital is \$25,000,000 in 50,000 shares of \$500 each.

W. C. T. U. Notice.

All W. C. T. U. workers and friends interested in the work for the prisoners at Deer Lodge, are earnestly requested to send donations of books, pamphlets and papers for the Christmas box at once to the W. C. T. U. headquarters, room No. 15, Pittsburgh block, or else send word where such donations may be found.

DELIA A. KELLOGG, Secretary, pro tem.

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P. P. 6; Rooms, 1; A. R. 6; M. 4; B. 3; L. S. 1; Geo. C. 2; S. H. C. 1; I. X. L. 1; Miss J. A. F. 1; L. R. 1; E. 1; M. G. 1; C. B. 1.

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